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Majority prices were generally unchanged in the East and West and unchanged to lower in the Midwest when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment was reported as no better than steady in the major terminal markets. Retail demand was light to moderate mostly light. Food service business was still fair with best movement noted into fast food channels. Supplies were sufficient and occasionally available in some locations. In the parts structure, demand for breast items was light but somewhat improved over last week. The remaining items were irregular with only fair movement reported. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 12/20-12/25/99 (cents per lb)

	US GRADE A			COMPOSITE	
	(Includes branded product)				
<u>AREAS</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>	<u>WTD</u> <u>AVG</u>	<u>LOADS</u>	<u>WTD</u> <u>AVG</u>	<u>LOADS</u>
Bos/New Eng	53.00-55.00	53.38	16	55.95	28
Chicago	49.00-52.00	51.95	49	54.20	77
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	59.63	28
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	60.71	12
Denver	63.50	63.38	17	63.05	26
Detroit	50.00-53.00	53.45	10	55.10	39
Los Angeles	64.00	63.17	57	62.28	114
New York	49.00-54.00	50.67	57	55.49	101
Philadelphia	49.00-52.00	51.29	7	53.40	24
Pittsburgh	51.00-51.50	51.40	10	56.92	62
St. Louis	51.50-52.00	51.57	15	54.10	36
San Francisco	64.50	63.57	30	66.65	52

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	12/20/99	Change/Last Wk	12/13/99	12/21/98
599	58.10	-0.01	58.11	59.63

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	56.00-58.00	57.40	42
Central	55.00-59.00	57.87	53
West	55.00-68.50	61.48	55

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	57.00-59.00	57.71	82
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 58.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,109	49.00-61.00	57.30

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice pack parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	135.00	4,121
BREASTS - WHOLE	69.50	1,950
THIGH MEAT - B/S	70.00	564
LEG QUARTERS	19.50	8,542
WINGS	76.00	3,167

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally sluggish as the holiday week began. Offerings were easily able to handle limited trade needs. Movement into retail and distributive channels was usually very slow as consumers were distracted by holiday items. The market tone was steady at best. In the parts market, supplies were more than adequate. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was reported as steady for a holiday week. Demand was light to moderate mostly light. Supplies were usually sufficient for most trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was slow for breast items but reported as slightly improved over last week. Dark meat items were adequate to closely balanced. Wings were at least adequate with only fair movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged from last week. The market tone was about steady. Offerings in close balance on small sizes and ample on heavy weights. Retailer demand was only fair by stores with interest centered on holiday meat items; restaurants moderate and fast food fairly good. Dealers reported light weekend carryovers on small sizes and moderate overall on heavy weights. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was up 1.12 at 53.01 with the volume reported traded at 24 loads up 9 percent from last Monday.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices for this week's deliveries were unchanged to lower into Chicago, Detroit and St.Louis, TFEWR elsewhere. Whole fryer trade sentiment was no better than steady. Retail demand slow to fair, mostly quiet. Food service movement was irregular, good in Chicago, spotty in Ohio and light in St.Louis. Floor stocks were at least adequate, sizes desirable. Parts trading was mixed for the fully adequate supplies with wings the best call. Trade sentiment was about steady on all items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally slow and typical of the pre-holiday period. Seller offerings were more than adequate, especially on the lighter weight sizes which continued to be competitively priced at some plants. Live supplies were seasonally moderate; weights varied and were mostly desirable to light. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 54 to 66 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate to ample. Leg items were generally noted as at manageable levels. Wings were at least adequate. *BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	50-66
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	56.64
NO. OF BOXES	10,670
*6 of 8 plants reporting.	

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest was quiet heading into the holiday week. Offerings of all parts were more than sufficient for very limited needs. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally slow as shoppers focused on other holiday items. The market tone was no better than steady.

PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	125-130	137.69	374,360
TENDERLOINS	125	125.20	119,680
BREAST - WITH RIBS	59-60	65.48	264,120
BREAST - LINE RUN	59	63.50	200,080
LEGS	26-27	28.84	225,080
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16-17	19.08	300,470
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	30.92	106,220
THIGHS	21-22	26.61	141,840
B/S THIGHS	70-71	75.38	53,160
WINGS (WHOLE)	71-72	79.63	254,560
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.01	59,329
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	39.20	55,720
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	64.85	84,400

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	769	121.00-168.00	-	132.79
TENDERLOINS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
BREAST - WITH RIBS	246	63.00-84.00	63	66.37
FRONT HALVES	320	53.00-60.00	53	53.88
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	276	16.00-19.00	16	16.43
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,061	18.25-19.00	18.25	18.29
WINGS (WHOLE)	130	61.00-75.00	70	68.42
DRUMSTICKS	140	31.00-45.00	31	33.00
THIGHS	NO TRADING REPORTED			

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	12/20	12/16	12/16	12/13	12/09
ALA	3,938	3,684	5.10	3,881	5.11
ARK	5,070	4,832	4.71	4,894	4.85
DELMARVA	2,430	2,387	5.14	2,178	5.15
KY-LA-TN	1,919	1,806	4.46	1,802	4.49
MISS	2,784	2,842	5.02	2,625	5.01
NC	2,592	2,313	5.89	2,557	5.88
TEXAS	2,224	2,218	4.83	2,240	4.79
TOTAL	20,957	20,082	5.00	20,177	5.05
MON	20,957(A)		20,177(A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 20-Dec 1999 is estimated to be 31,354,000 up 3.55 percent from a week ago and up 0.63 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,278,000, last year 31,157,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	364	120.00-178.00	125-135	149.80
TENDERLOINS	154	121.00-200.00	125-130	165.60
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	653	20.00-22.00	-	20.72
WINGS (WHOLE)	81	72.00-75.00	-	73.51
WINGS (CUT)	347	85.00-88.00	-	85.80
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR DECEMBER 20, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
40.50 - 42.00	41.25	38.60

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION PARTS PRICES PER LB., ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 12/20-12/24/99

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	120.00 - 140.00	120.00 - 130.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	60.00 - 72.00	60.00 - 65.00
LEGS	28.00 - 36.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16.00 - 22.00	17.00 - 18.00
DRUMSTICKS	24.00 - 40.00	35.00 - 36.00
WINGS (WHOLE)	62.00 - 75.00	70.00 - 72.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 12.00	-
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25.00 - 38.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 48.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	76-91
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	79-97
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	88-93
FROZEN DUCKS	135-149
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	78-82
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	88
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	309
RABBITS-CUT UP	326

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	104
	ICE PACK	92-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-107
	DRY PACK	112
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	98
	ICE PACK	91
DUCKS		149-162

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 17-DEC-99

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00-20.00	21.00	17.00	17.00
WTD AVERAGE	16.71	21.00	17.00	17.00

1,292,000 pounds, this includes 320,000 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS

RANGE	- 17.50-18.00	-	16.00
WTD AVERAGE	17.75		16.00

240,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%

RANGE	14.50-18.00	- 13.50-14.00	13.00-15.00
WTD AVERAGE	16.96	13.81	14.07

2,288,000 pounds, this includes 784,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

RANGE	-	-	13.50	-
WTD AVERAGE			13.50	

160,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Trading was generally unchanged. Demand was moderate for spent hens. Finished sales were seasonal. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 20-DEC-99

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-19.5	10-13	13.25

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 17-DEC-99

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS

RANGE	-	- 14.00-15.00	-
WTD AVERAGE		14.80	

102,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%

RANGE	15.00-20.00	19.00	11.00-12.00	13.50
WTD AVERAGE	15.88	19.00	11.32	13.50

1,533,000 pounds, this includes 1,060,800 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair for fully adequate offerings. Trading was light as plants were generally on holiday schedules. Undertone was at best steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) * FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 20-DEC-99

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-16.5	8.25-14.5	11.10
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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